



## CCR's 2021 Legislative Agenda



### Urgent needs for COVID-19 response:

#### Offer financial relief to providers, families, and FFN caregivers:



1. Provide direct, flexible, financial support for child care providers and FFN caregivers to cover lost income, re-opening costs, supplies, technology access, and other urgent needs.

2. Waive family co-pays or adjusting work activity requirements for Working

Connections Child Care subsidies throughout the pandemic to limit interruptions to child care for children.



### Create a dedicated revenue source to fund a sustainable early learning system:

Pass a stable, progressive revenue option to ensure substantive and sustainable funding for the missing foundations for the child care system, including living wages and benefits for providers and a cap on family expenditures making child care affordable for working families.



### Make needed adjustments to existing early learning programs:

#### Restructure the Working Connections Child Care subsidy:

1. Adjust the copay structure so that small pay increases don't lead to unbearable child care bills.
2. Raise the eligibility cap to allow access to child care assistance for families that cannot afford care.
3. Offer categorical eligibility for families experiencing homelessness.



#### Invest in community supports:

1. Expand child mental health consultation services
2. Expand Play & Learn group investments to statewide offerings

#### Take Action:

- Tell your coach you want to learn more about advocacy.
- Contact Governor Inslee: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/contact/contacting-governors-office>
- Find your representatives in the US Congress & WA State Legislature: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>
- Child Care Aware of WA: <https://childcareawarewa.org/advocacy/>

